

JANUARY 16, 2014

The Town Council met in regular session at the Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Present were: STRAW, GIBBS, WARRUM, and WILSON along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Adam Farrar.

The following visitors were present: John Dailey, Betty Gibbs, Ann Greenfield, Jerry Walden, Alvin & Jennifer Blaylock, Don & Virginia Alsop, Patricia Gosh, Valerie Werkmeister, Lora Arneberg, David Flanders, Jan Kahle, and Scott Champlin.

Councilman Gibbs made and Warrum seconded a motion the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wilson reported a meeting will soon be held with Vectren as a follow-up to the report done by Morley & Associates.

Councilman Gibbs made and Wilson seconded a motion that Councilman Straw serve as Council President for 2014. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jan Kahle, on behalf of Gary Gerard, presented a framed IN Geological Association calendar that was prepared in honor of the Town's bicentennial. The calendar was donated by the Rapp-Granary-Owen Foundation.

Jan Kahle spoke about eight Boy Scouts from England that visited New Harmony in August, 1962. The Scouts have compiled a book of their visit and asked that Mrs. Kahle present it to Council on their behalf. Several of the Scouts intend to return to New Harmony for the bicentennial.

Jan Kahle made some announcements regarding the bicentennial. The New Year's Eve party was a success. Harmoniefest, sponsored by Harmonie Associates, will be held February 7 at 6:30 at the Atheneum. The light pole banners have been ordered, and donations are still being collected to cover their cost. Mrs. Kahle announced the calendar of events for the bicentennial is on the Town website.

Council members agreed that dept. heads shall remain the same for 2014.

Councilman Gibbs made and Warrum seconded a motion that the Council continue to meet at 5:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Warrum made and Gibbs seconded a motion that Adam Farrar be retained as Town Attorney for 2014 at a rate of \$165. an hour. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Warrum made and Gibbs seconded a motion that Amy Moore be appointed to replace Tom Williams on the Park Board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Straw reappointed Jim Spann and David Flanders to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Pat Gosh expressed concern over the lack of lighting at the new fire station. President Straw stated this is the first time this has been reported. He agreed to check into it.

Councilman Warrum made and Wilson seconded a motion the yearly maintenance agreement with Keystone be renewed at a cost of \$5,520. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Warrum read Ordinance 2014-1 in title only. This amends the salary and wage schedule effective January 16, 2014. She announced that John Dailey is now the water and wastewater operator, which prompted changes to how his wages are funded. The range for the utility laborer was also changed. Councilman Warrum made and Wilson seconded a motion that Ordinance 2014-1 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Warrum made and Wilson seconded a motion that John Dailey's hourly rate be increased \$1. an hour, to a rate of \$21. an hour. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Warrum made and Gibbs seconded a motion the claims be allowed and the Clerk pay the same. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wilson announced he had prepared a request for proposals for redevelopment of the Tree of Life property. He sees this document as something that can be sent out to see what kind of responses come back. He will be distributing the RFP to Council members following the meeting and asked that they provide feedback.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Joe Straw, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer